Docket No. 187A 3437 Date: August 5, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application for inventor(s):

SHINICHI HIRAMOTO

For: BAG VACU

BAG VACUUM PACKAGING METHOD USING ULTRASONIC SEALING DEVICE AND VACUUM PACKAGING MACHINE EQUIPPED WITH ULTRASONIC SEALING DEVICE

Also enclosed are:

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\boxtimes	_7_ sheets of drawings
	Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-229701 of August 7, 2002 on which Convention priority is claimed (to follow)
\boxtimes	Declaration and Power of Attorney
	Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant
\boxtimes	An assignment of the invention toTOYO JIDOKI CO., LTD.
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